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## MEMO: New World Screwworm

New World Screwworms were recently found in wild deer and pets in the Florida Keys. Screwworms were eradicated from the USA in the 1960's; therefore, this finding is significant. In an effort to protect the health of the Georgia Animal Industry and to safely maintain animal movement, **effective immediately**, all livestock and pets entering Georgia from Florida should be carefully examined prior to entry for signs of Screwworms and treated appropriately, if necessary. All animals requiring a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI or Health Certificate) to enter Georgia must include the following veterinary statement on the CVI:

*"The animals listed on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection have been examined by me and found to be free of Screwworm. The animals have not been exposed to Screwworm and have not originated from an area known to have Screwworm."*

Animals originating from the quarantined area in the Florida Keys are not permitted to enter Georgia except by special permit issued by the State Veterinarian.

For more information, please visit the Georgia Department of Agriculture website at:

<http://agr.georgia.gov/animal-health.aspx>

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